by flood alongwith projected cost of such repair/improvement during the period;

(c) target fixed and achievement made so far in regard to such improvement/ repair alongwith financial allocations;

(d) steps taken for immediate restoration, improvement of roads and bridges; and

(e) places of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh which remained cut-off during last three summers on NH-52?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): *(a) Bridges damaged:*

Bride No. 92/1, 96/1, 104/1, 104/1 and 105/2 on National Highway 31. Bridge No. 7/3 on National Highway 31C.

Bridge No. 47/2 on National Highway 37.

Bridge No. 48/1, 83/2 and 328/1 on National Highway 52.

*Breaches Occured:* Km. 183, 269, 293, 294, 295, 297, 321, 353, 360, 361, 373 and 375 of National Highway No. 52.

(b) to (c) There are about 150 spots on NH 31, 31C, 36, 37, 38 and 52 which are liable to submergance during floods. The temporary restoration works are taken up immediately. Permanent restoration works are targetted to be completed within two years from the date of sanction depending upon the nature of work. During the last three years Rs. 428 lakh were allocated for flood damage repairs.

(d) Important places which remained cut-off were Passighat, Jonai and Silapathar.

**Amount Credited to CRF**

3056. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3.5 paise per liter of petrol is being presently credited to the Central Road Fund;

(b) if so, total amount credited to the Fund annually for the last three years;

(c) whether there is a proposal to implement the resolution passed by Parliament in 1988 whereby Government can impose a 5 per cent cess on petrol to fund infrastructue projects; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

| *SL.No.* | *Year* | *(Rs. In lakhs) Allocation* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1995-96 | 1500.00 |
| 2. | 1996-97 | 1499.00 |
| 3. | 1997-98 | 2857.00 |

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

**Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Gujarat**

3057. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Highways in Gujarat to be converted into National Highway;

(b) the details of the State Highways which were converted into National Highways during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Jetpur-Junagadh State Highway is under consideration of Government for conversion into National Highway;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it will be converted into National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The following State Highways have been proposed for declaration as new National Highways:—

(i) Jetpur-Junagarh-Veraval-Somnath-State Highway/Coastal Highway

(ii) Surat-Hazira-State Highway

(iii) Kandla-Mundra-Mandvi-Jakhau-State Highway

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d) the Jetpur-Junagarh road having a length of approximately 130 km is one of the roads under consideration for declaration as new national Highway subject to availability of funds.

(e) No time frame can be given at this state.

**Objectives of NHAI**

3058. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of National Highway Authority of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Highway Authority of India is yet to become operational since its inception in 1988;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make the Authority operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The National Highways Authority of India was constituted for the development, maintenance and management of antional highways and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(b) No Sir. It was operationalised in February, 1995 with the appointment of a Chairman and Members.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

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## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

**Memorandum of Understanding (1997-98) between Govt. of India and Indian Airlines Ltd.**

The Minister of Civil Aviation SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Civil Aviation) and Indian Airlines Limited, for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in the Library *See* No. LT. 1099/98.]

**Notification of the Ministry of Food & Consumer Affairs**

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV: Sir, On behalf of SHRI SURJEET SINGH BARNALA, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 a copy (in English and Hindi of the Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs (Department of Sugar and Edible Oils) Notification No. GSR 656 (E). dated November 21, 1997 publishing the Sugar Development Fund (Amendment) Rules, 1997.

[Placed in the Library *see* No LT 1046/98]

**I. Notifications of the Ministry of Law Justice & Company Affairs**

**II. Report & Accounts (1996-97) of Indian Law Institute, New Delhi & related papers**

**III. Report & Accounts (1996-97) of National Institute for the Training of Highway Engineers, New Delhi & related papers.**

**IV Accounts (1993-94 to 1996-97) of National Judicial Academy, New Delhi & related papers**

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, On behalf of SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI, I lay on the Table—I.a. copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, under sub-